

4.—FREE GRANTS OF TIMBER.

137. A comparative statement of free grants of timber which have been made during the past two years is given :—

No.	Forest Division.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	North Thána ..	5 14 0	.....	50 0 0
2	South Thána...	1,759 4 0	619 13 0	336 5 0
3	East Khándesh ..	7 12 0	.....	.....
4	West Khándesh ..	1,360 13 5	1,221 13 5	1,639 4 0
5	Násik ..	209 12 6	477 5 5	348 10 4
6	Ahmednagar ..	9 15 0	.....	.....
7	Poona ..	295 11 0	740 0 0	120 0 0
8	Sátára ..	.....	100 0 0	52 8 0
9	Sholápur ..	.....	.....	.....
10	Surat... ..	1,539 0 0	152 0 0	724 0 0
11	Panch Maháls ..	750 0 0	641 6 0	973 10 0
		5,938 1 11	3,952 5 10	4,244 5 4

138. In addition to the special free grants of timber, concessions of very considerable value are made in respect of the forests—to enjoy, to cut, and take. In the North Thána Division it is stated that timber of the inferior kinds valued at Rs. 17,175 has been taken from the forests by the poorer classes for building and repairing their huts. In the South Thána Division the value of the privileges exercised by the people in respect of forest produce during the year of the report is assessed at Rs. 2,55,248, made up as under :—

	Rs.
Firewood ..	1,90,740
Grazing and grass ..	23,386
Leaves, not including ráb ..	23,842
Fruit ..	200
Honey, wax, &c....	1,050
Ráb material ..	16,030
	<u>2,55,248</u>

139. In the Poona Division it is estimated that 1,69,770 acres of pasturage are enjoyed free inside the forests, and that Rs. 55,000 are sacrificed on this account; and it may be safely estimated that the value of the produce of the forest estates in the Northern Circle, which the people appropriate in the shape of conceded privileges, exceeds considerably the total forest collections which are shown in the forest accounts.

5.—SUMMARY OF PRODUCE REMOVED FROM THE FORESTS.

140. The following is a summary of the timber and other forest produce removed from the forests during the year as compared with the preceding year :—

Description of Produce.	1885-86.		1886-87.	
	Number.	Khandis.	Number.	Khandis.
(a) Timber.				
Teak logs, green ..	...	Cubic feet. 9,784	...	Cubic feet. 558
Do. dead ..	...	Khandis. 200	...	657
Teak rafters ..	3,17,576	...	7,75,784	...
Do. pieces ..	4,76,981	...	1,35,173	...
Do. posts ..	1,511	...	7,069	...
Do. beams ..	248	...	39	...
Do. ... Cart-loads.	7,780	...	29,926	...
Do. ... Head-loads.	...	...	12,155	...
Blackwood logs ..	...	1,476	...	...
Do. pieces ..	18	...	115	...

Description of Produce.	1895-96.		1896-97.	
	Number.	Khandis.	Number.	Khandis.
Khair (Acacia catechu) logs ...	3,239	...	256	...
Do. ... Cart-loads.	101	...	1,059	...
Bábul (Acacia arabica) logs ...	208	...	412	...
Do. bark ...	5	3	...	3
		Cubic feet.		
Hed or haladván (Nauclea cordifolia) ...	...	4,604	...	99
		Khandis.		
Bibla or beo (Pterocarpus marsupium) ...	...	1,815	...	100
Tannach or tivas (Dalbergia oojenensis) ...	130	...	4,311	109
Ain (Terminalia tomentosa) logs ...	4,195	...	6,931	...
Do. bark ...	...	249	...	343
Kanti (Acacia procera) ...	1,844	...	27	...
Junglewood rafters ...	59,584	...	80,809	...
Do. ... Cart-loads.	5,778	...	40,280	...
Palm logs ...	1,180	...	508	...
(b) Firewood.				
Firewood ... Cart-loads.	41,680	...	51,746	...
Do. ... Head-loads.	23,994	...	30,331	...
Do. ... Cubic feet.	...	31,016	...	2,942
Do. ... Khandis.	...	878	...	45,744
Do. ... Tons.	...	...	...	1,050
Charcoal ...	...	39	...	21
Do. ... Cart loads.	12	...	71	...
Do. ... Head-loads.	6,944	...	8,724	...
Firewood ... Pieces.	70,940	...	2,106	...
(c) Bámbus.				
Bámbus ...	21,36,062	...	20,03,876	...
Do. ... Cart-loads.	6,473	...	5,226	...
Do. ... Head-loads.	20,243	...	36,419	...
Small bámbus ... Cart-loads.	3,675	...	1,773	...
Do. ... Head-loads.	337	...	913	...
Canes... ...	661	...	40	...
(d) Sandalwood.				
Sandalwood rafters ...	488	...	Trees.	
			105	...
(e) Grass and other Minor Produce.				
Karvi... ... Cart-loads.	2,918	...	2,075	...
Do. ... Head-loads.	19,766	...	24,684	...
	Carts.	Kh. mds.	Carts.	K. m.
Mowra flowers ...	72	200 4	20	41 12
Hirda... ...	...	1,493	...	933 15
Shikakái ...	...	35	...	70
Grass... ... Cart-loads.	420	...	1,500	...
		Mds.		Mds.
Honey ...	...	294	...	171
		Khandis.		
Wax ...	...	17	...	...
				Cubic feet.
Stee ... Cart-loads.	14,411	...	20,166	17,500
Do. ... Donkey-loads.	76	...	...	...
Earth... ... Cart-loads.	132	...	455	...
				Khandis.
Do. ... Cubic feet.	...	800	...	900
Thorns ... Cart-loads.	1,231	...	1,600	...
Do. ... Head-loads.	18,423	...	19,325	...
Do. ... Bullock-loads.	36	...	25	...
Dhávda leaves ... Bundles.	11	...	57	...
			Bundles.	
Apta do. ... Cart-loads.	15	...	9,61,925	...
Táhál (ráb material) ... Cart-loads.	...	...	12	...
Do. ... Head-loads.	...	...	23,400	...